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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DE CUELLAR

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1. ON APRIL 28, AMBASSADOR MET WITH UNSYG SPECIAL REP DE
CUEELAR TO DISCUSS TIMING OF FORTHCOMING NICOSIA TALKS
AND U.S./UN EFFORT TO ENHANCE SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR OPENED CONVERSATION BY INFORMING DE CUELLAR
OF NIMETZ APR 27 REPRESENTATION TO ESENBEL ON TIMING OF
NICOSIA MEETINGS. DE CULLAR CONFIRMED THAT DENKTASH HAD
BEEN FIRM THAT NO MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF
MAY AND HAD STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT MEETING BEFORE JUNE 5
ALSO UNACCEPTABLE. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT IN APR 27 PUBLIC
STATEMENT, DENKTASH HAD NOT EXPLICITLY PRECLUDED A LATE MAY
MEETING. DENKTASH HAD TOLD REPORTERS "THE INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS ARE TO BE RESUMED IN NICOSIA SOON AFTER THE RETURN
OF ... ONAN FROM THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS'
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CONFERENCE IN LIBYA, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE
BETWEEN MAY 16-23."

3. DE CUELLAR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT U.S. HAD TAKEN
INITIATIVE WITH GOT TO TRY TO GET ALKS STARTED IN MID-MAY.
HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT NEITHER CYPRIOT SIDE REALLY
WANTED TO RESUME TALKS BEFORE TURKISH ELECTIONS. COMMENT:

DESPITE HIS POSITIVE REMARKS, WE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT DE CUELLAR WOULD NOT MIND IF TALKS WERE DELAYED UNTIL JUNE. (HE PLANS TO LEAVE FOR UNSC UNFICYP DEBATE JUNE 6 OR 7.) HE VERGED ON IMPLYING THAT U.S. IS ONLY PRESSING FOR EARLY RESUMPTION FOR DOMESTIC REASONS. END COMMENT.

4. USING TALKING POINTS BASED ON REFS (C) AND (D), AMBASSADOR BRIEFED DE CUELLAR ON ACTION PROGRAM AGREED BY NIMETZ AND URQUHART APR 20 AND ON NIMETZ-LEDSKY PRESENTATION TO CHELIK APR 22. DE CUELLAR CONCURRED IN ALL POINTS ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT TURKISH SIDE WOULD NOT NOW AGREE TO TERRITORIAL DISCUSSIONS BASED ON TWO-LINE CONCEPT DISCUSSED REFTELS. DE CUELLAR SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT U.S. INITIATIVE IN HIS MEETINGS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES.

5. AMBASSADOR AND DE CUELLAR AGREED THAT UNCERTAINTY OF DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE NO OBSTACLE TO EARLY ATTEMPT TO GET MORE SUBSTANCE INTO TALKS. AMBASSADOR WILL BEGIN WITH PAPADOPOULOS MORNING APR 29 AND DE CUELLAR WILL FOLLOW UP AT DINNER DAME EVENING. IT WAS AGREED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DELAY APPROACH TO TURKISH SIDE UNTIL WE HAVE REPORT ON GOT REACTION TO REF (A) DEMARCHE. TENTATIVE PLAN IS FOR AMBASSADOR TO SEE AMBASSADOR ONHON SOME TIME DURING WEEK BEGINNING MAY 2. CHELIK RETURNS TO CYPRUS APR 28 OR 29 AND SHOULD HAVE REPORTED ON HIS APR 22 MEETING BY THE TIME AMBASSADOR SEES ONHON.
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